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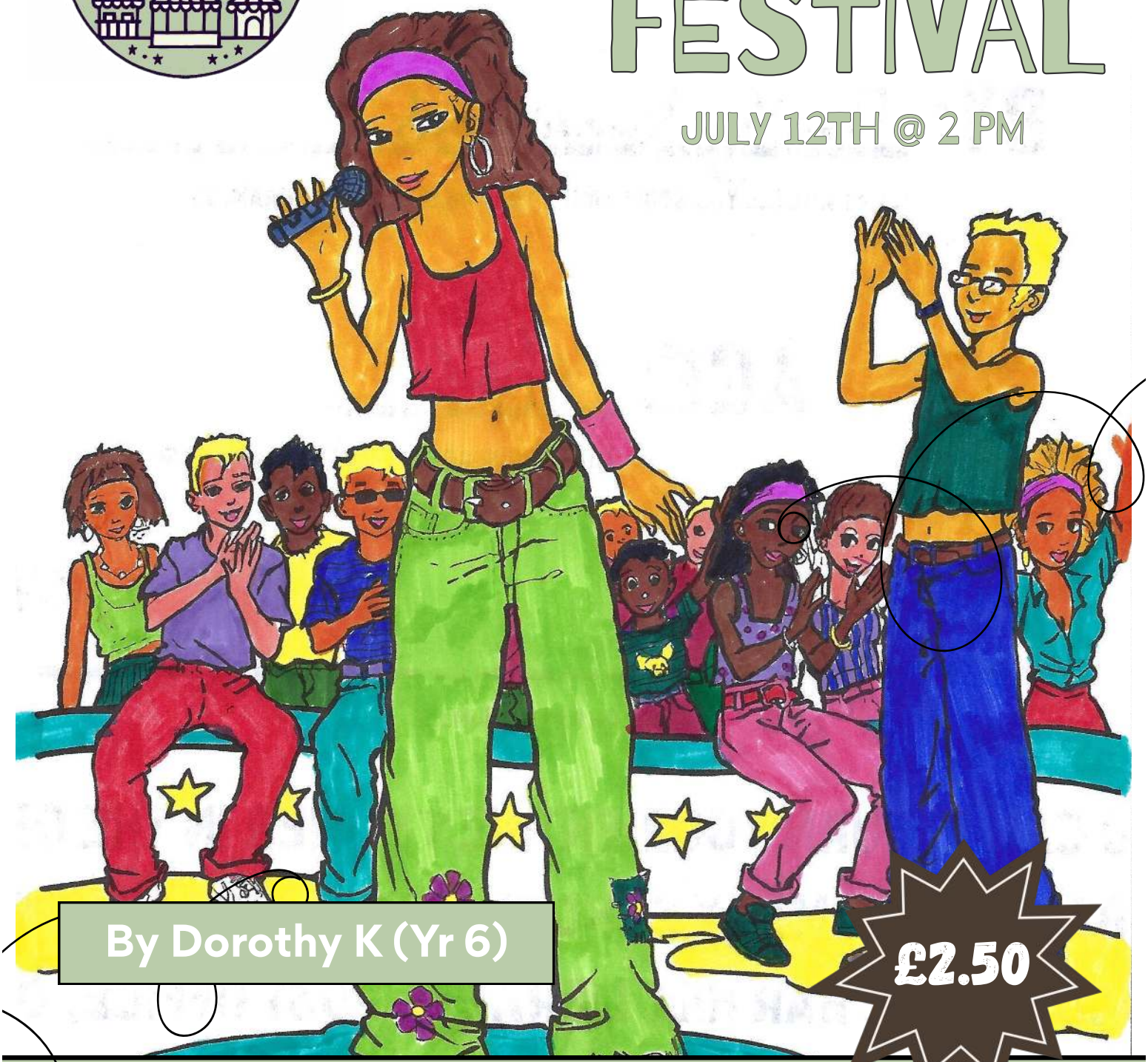

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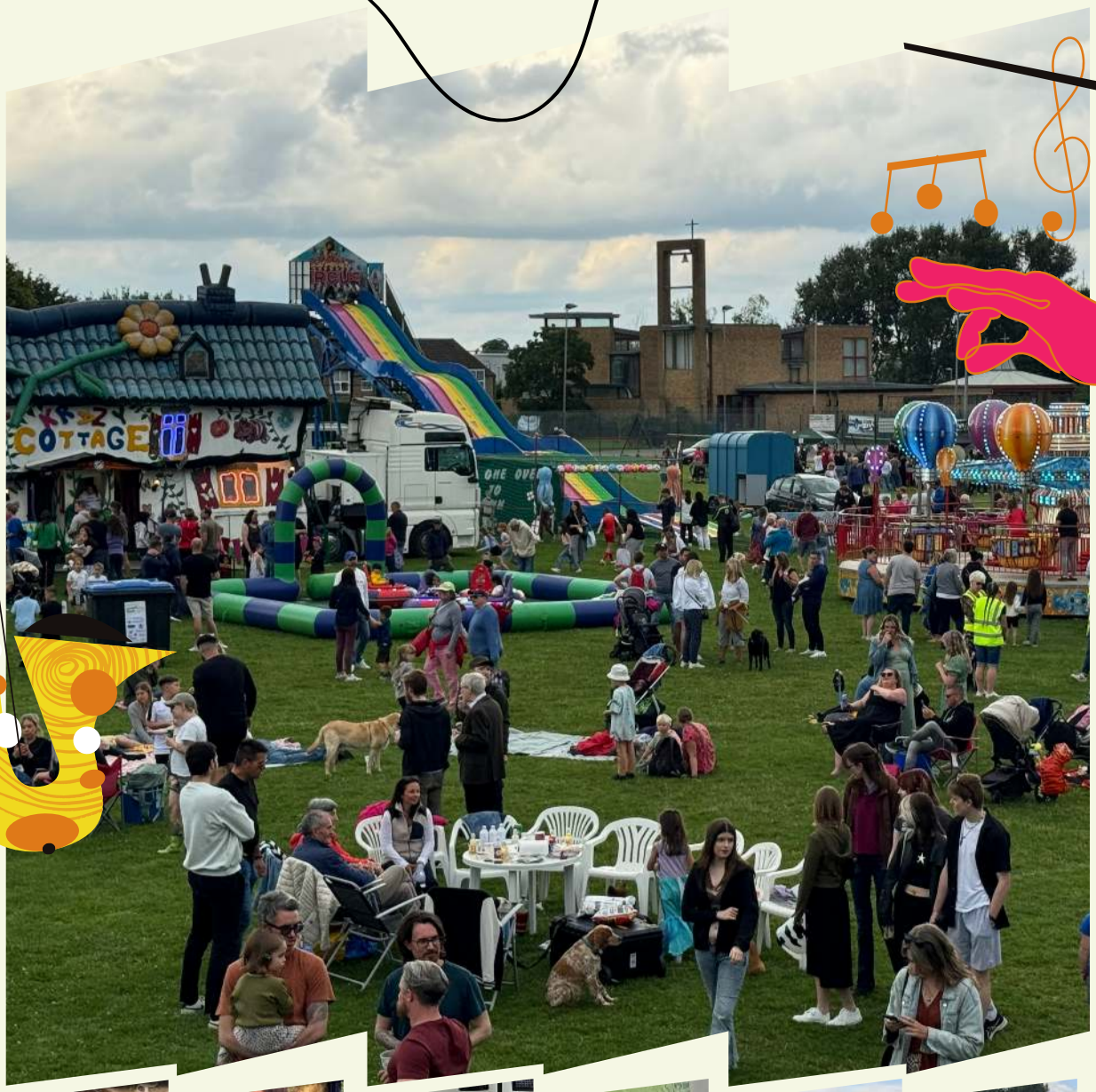
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Welcome Barhillians!

My name is Delia "Dee" Callaghan, and I have recently taken on the role of Chair of the Fete and Festival Committee (part of the Bar Hill Community Association). It is a big task as I have taken over from Kate Bennett, who has sadly stood down this year after many years at the helm. However, she has left the committee with a strong ethos, and I will try my very best to carry this on. I'd like to thank Kate and Darren Bennett for all their hard work and support over the past few years.

Now to 2025, the date is set: Saturday, July 12th, from 2 pm until late. The stage and all entertainment are booked, and every year, we strive to make the Fete and Festival bigger and better. We are celebrating 40 years since the fantastic Live Aid concert this year.

This year, we have the brilliant Big 10 as our headline band, and So 80s will join us with other local bands. There will be a whole host of entertainment, with rides, bouncy castles, an array of fantastic stalls, the Raptor Foundation, and Lion Learners, who are back with bugs and critters. Are you brave enough to visit them? The variety of entertainment is sure to keep you and your family excited throughout the day.

There is also lots more going on at the Church, Scout Hut, and school playground. The social club will be having its annual beer and cider festival, so best get your order in for your programme so you don't miss out on anything!

The committee volunteers its time free of charge to bring this all together for the village to enjoy. We have time off in August and September, then start again in October for the following year's event. So, at this point, I'd like to thank everyone on the committee for their contribution, hard work, support, and the few bad jokes along the way! Also, thanks to all the volunteers on the day who kept the music flowing and everybody safe. Your involvement is what makes this event truly special.

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This event is purely funded by sponsorship and donations from large and small local businesses within the community and beyond. Donations from the Parish Council and individual clubs help immensely. So, with that in mind, I'd like to say a massive thank you to all. Your generous support is what makes this event possible, and we are truly grateful for your contribution.

Kate mentioned last year in her statement, "The aim of the Fete & Festival is to have a day that residents from Bar Hill and surrounding areas can come together to support local businesses, charities and community groups", of which I could not have said better myself.

We welcome new ideas, suggestions, and help. Whether you're good at organizing, have a knack for marketing, or simply want to lend a hand on the day, we'd love to have you on board. If you'd like to help make a difference and be involved, please contact us at volunteering@barhill-ca.org.

So, get the date in your diary, and on the day, grab your chairs, picnics, refreshments and family and head to the village green!! There will be a variety of food and drinks available as well. See you there....!

Don't forget to spread the word to your friends, family, and colleagues. The more, the merrier!

Best regards

Dee

On behalf of the Fete & Festival Committee 2025

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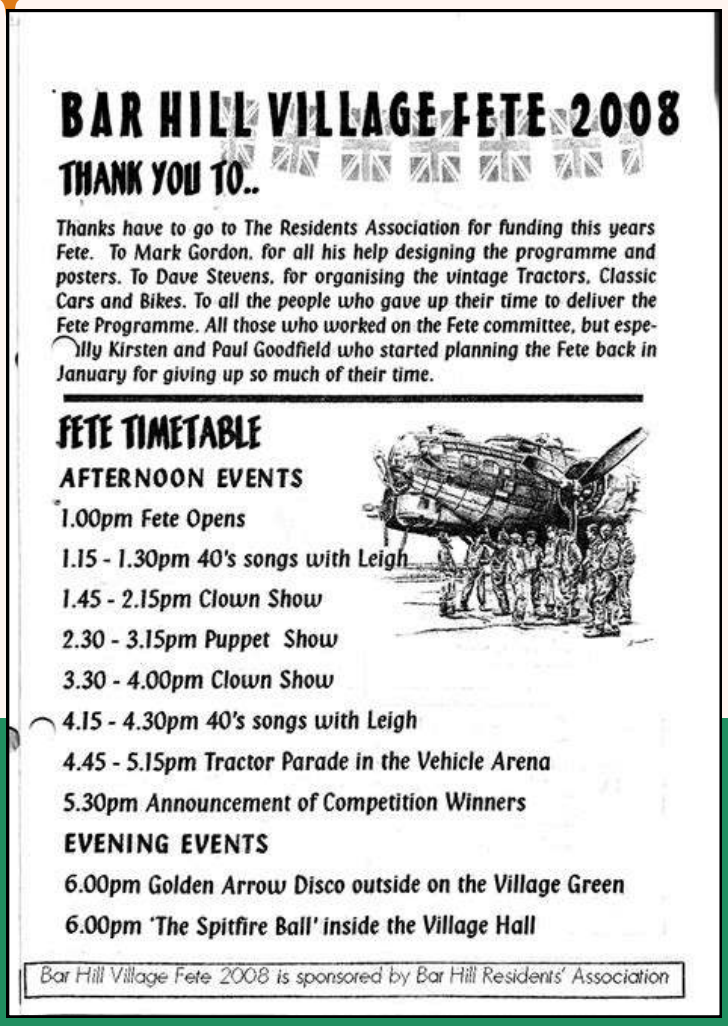

BAR HILL VILLAGE FETE 2008

THANK YOU TO..

Thanks have to go to The Residents Association for funding this years Fete. To Mark Gordon, for all his help designing the programme and posters. To Dave Stevens, for organising the vintage Tractors, Classic Cars and Bikes. To all the people who gave up their time to deliver the Fete Programme. All those who worked on the Fete committee, but espe-lly Kirsten and Paul Goodfield who started planning the Fete back in January for giving up so much of their time.

FETE TIMETABLE

AFTERNOON EVENTS

1.00pm Fete Opens
1.15 - 1.30pm 40's songs with Leigh
1.45 - 2.15pm Clown Show
2.30 - 3.15pm Puppet Show
3.30 - 4.00pm Clown Show
4.15 - 4.30pm 40's songs with Leigh
4.45 - 5.15pm Tractor Parade in the Vehicle Arena
5.30pm Announcement of Competition Winners

EVENING EVENTS

6.00pm Golden Arrow Disco outside on the Village Green
6.00pm 'The Spitfire Ball' inside the Village Hall

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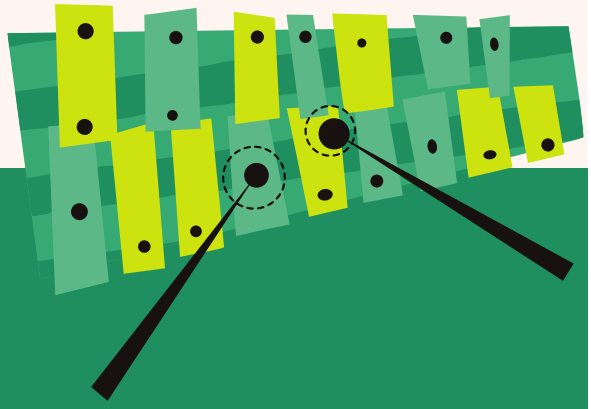


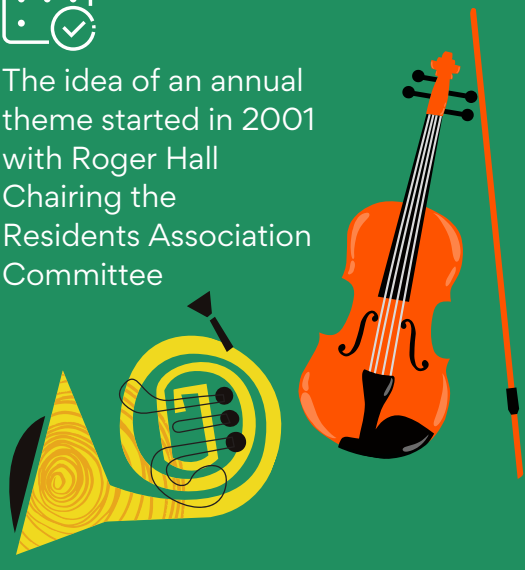
The first residents arrived in Bar Hill Village in May 1967 The first recognised resident was Mrs. Stella Butcher

The first Village Fete was held on Saturday, 2nd September 1972 to coincide with the Summer Flower Show

The idea of an annual theme started in 2001 with Roger Hall Chairing the Residents Association Committee

The Fete is an opportunity for village organisations and groups to publicise their activities and raise funds

When the village has its 60s anniversary in 2027 the Fete will be 55 years old!



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Stalls on the Village Green

Stalls from Lord Conrad's, Royal British Legion, The Bottle Shop, Lauren Francesca Designs, etc.

Additional Stalls in the Church

Don't forget that we have a number of stalls in the Church for even more food, fun & games!

Entertainment

Fairground rides, live music, Lion Learners, Birds of prey, and (first for this year) Petting ponies!

Bar Hill Social Club Beer Festival

Bar Hill Social Club is open with it's traditional annual Beer and Cider festival. Come along and enjoy!

LION LEARNERS

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2:30 to 4:30 pm

BAR HILL CHURCH

Bar Hill Church is delighted to be a partner with the Village Fete again this year. We welcome everyone to enjoy a sit-down cream tea while looking at all the wonderful stalls.

My name is Rev Wendy Wale, and I've been Minister of the village church for the past two years. You may well have seen me wandering around the village with our cockapoo Jonah.

One of the things I appreciate most about Bar Hill is the way so many people and organisations work together to promote the good of the whole village. I'd love to know the total number of people who give up their time to volunteer- in the church, The Hub, Bar Hill News, the school, the hotel, the parish council, the social committees, the community meal, within the library, the memorial garden, the surgery (support group), leading the uniformed organisations, developing the outdoor spaces- to name just a few.

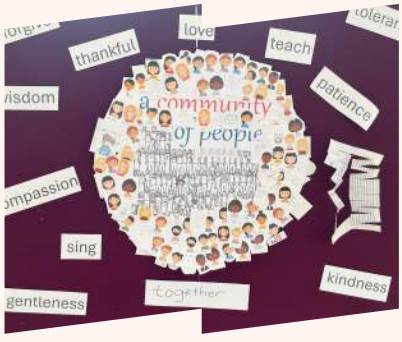
As a church, we try to be as open and welcoming as possible to everyone, regardless of their age, nationality, background, or personal circumstances.

Our community activities (The Hub, Knit and Natter, BHOBs, and our Youth Group) are open to anyone and are places to connect, make friends, receive support if needed, and volunteer—if you are able!

Our Saturday Catholic Mass (6pm) and Sunday morning ecumenical services (10am) are open to anyone with a Christian faith who wants to learn what it means to follow Jesus.

We have a beautiful building to hold Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals for anyone in the village, and there are opportunities to hire the Octagon or the Worship Hall at very reasonable rates.

Please have a look at our website, barhillchurch.org.uk, or get in touch with Wendy via email, wendy@barhillchurch.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you soon.



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1 **Midday**

Stall holders start to arrive and will be escorted onto the green.

2 **2.00 pm**

The Fete formally opens.

3 **4.15 pm**

The Live music begins

4 **5.00 pm**

Music from "The Young Ones"

5 **5.45 pm**

"Recess riot" takes the stage

6 **6.30 pm**

Melody Coles

7 **7.45 pm**

So 80's

8 **9.20 pm**

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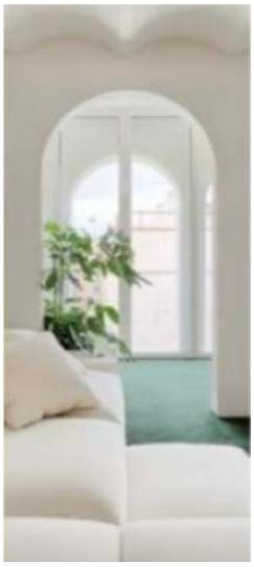

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